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Applicant: Anthony C. Ross, et al. Art Unit: 3732  
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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2008, having a three-month shortened period for response which expired on June 27, 2008, please amend the application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Applicant's Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.